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SUBJECT: WAR REPARATIONS

REF: A) PORT MORESBY 1787
B) PORT MORESBY 0033

1. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE GPNG WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT
CONCERNING US POSITION ON WAR REPARATIONS:

2. QUOTE IT HAS BEEN OUR CONSISTENT POSITION THAT
THERE IS NO LIABILITY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR DEATH
OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE LAWFUL USE OF FORCE, EVEN
IN CASES OF ACCIDENT IN WHICH INNOCENT CIVILIAN LIVES
ARE LOST. IT HAS ALSO BEEN OUR POLICY NOT TO MAKE
PAYMENTS ON AN EX GRATIA BASIS IN SUCH CASES BECAUSE
OF THE PROBLEMS OF SETTING A PRECEDENT.

3. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE CAN EXPRESS
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OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY, BUT MUST STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN
OUR CONSISTENT POLICY NOT TO MAKE THIS KIND OF PAYMENT
EVEN ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS BECAUSE SUCH A PAYMENT
WOULD SET A PRECEDENT WHICH WE WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO
FOLLOW END QUOTE. VANCE

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